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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 25TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN SHANKAR MAGADUM

WRIT PETITION NO. 12058 OF 2026 (GM-PASS)

BETWEEN:

1. MRS. SOHINI BHATTACHARYA
D/O MR. DEBAPRASAD BHATTACHARYA,
AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS,
R/AT NO. 30, RAMA NILAYA,
RMV 2ND STAGE, SANJAYNAGAR,
BENGALURU - 560 094.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. PRATEEK CHANDRAMOULI, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. UNION OF INDIA
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY,
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
SOUTH BLOCK,
NEW DELHI - 110 011.

2. THE CHIEF PASSPORT OFFICER
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
SOUTH BLODK
NEW DELHI - 110 066.

3. THE REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICER
REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICE,
8TH BLOCK, 80 FEET ROAD,
KORAMANGALA,
BENGALURU - 560 095.

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4. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
(PASSPORT VERIFICATION)
BENGALURU CITY POLICE,
BENGALURU - 560 001.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. RESHMA K THAMMAIAH, CGC)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS TO CONSIDER THE REPRESENTATION VIDE ANNEXURE-E DATED 13.03.2026 AND ETC.,

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN SHANKAR MAGADUM

ORAL ORDER

Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and learned counsel appearing for Union of India/Passport Authority.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the respondents – Passport Authority, on instructions, submits that the passport pertaining to the petitioner has already been processed and is ready for issuance, and that the same would be dispatched in due course.

3. *Per-contra*, learned counsel for the petitioner vehemently pleads urgency, contending that the petitioner is required to travel abroad on official duty, and any delay in dispatch of the passport would seriously prejudice the petitioner's professional obligations.

4. In response, learned counsel appearing for the respondents – Passport Authority, on instructions, fairly submits that the apprehension expressed by the petitioner is unfounded, and assures this Court that the concerned authority shall expedite the process and ensure that the passport is dispatched at the earliest, without any further delay.

5. Recording the aforesaid submission and assurance, this Court is of the considered view that no further adjudication is warranted.

Accordingly, the petition stands ***disposed of***, with a direction to the respondents – Passport Authorities to

forthwith dispatch the passport to the petitioner, with utmost expedition.

Sd/-
(SACHIN SHANKAR MAGADUM)
JUDGE

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